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INFORMATION
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The General Counsel is the chief law officer of the Department. He is assisted by a Deputy General Counsel, and by four Assistant General Counsels in charge of legal work arising under the various programs administered in the Department, together with their staffs, consisting of divisions under the supervision of chiefs. The field attorneys on the staff of the General Counsel Act as legal advisors to the field officers of the Department.

The General Counsel represents the Secretary of Agriculture and the Administrator of the Farmers Home Administration in civil actions arising under the Farmers Home Act of 1946 and also represents the Secretary in proceedings before the Interstate Commerce Commission involving freight rates on farm commodities and in appeals from the decisions of the Commission to the courts. By special assignment of the Attorney General Counsel for Litigation represents the Department in certain classes of cases before the United States Courts of Appeals. All other civil litigation affecting the Department is handled by the Department of Justice, with the Office of the General Counsel assisting in the preparation and trial of such cases. Criminal cases

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USDA DELEGATION GREETES SECRETARY



L. to R. Jerry Davis, B. W. Bain, David Wells, Secretary Benson, C. H. Moseley, J. J. Slaughter, J. L. McCollum, Kenneth McEnroe.

In Dallas on a speaking engagement for a convention at Fair Park, Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson was met at Love Field by representatives of the USDA in Dallas. David Wells, on behalf of the USDA Club, presented Mr. Benson with a scroll which told of a \$50 donation to the Federal Crusade which had been made in the Secretary's name.

Because of a close plane schedule it was not possible to arrange to have Secretary Benson speak to USDA Club members or to visit any of the USDA offices in the city, so a delegation was selected to meet him at the air port and extend to him the best

wishes of all USDA employees.

The members of the delegation were Jerry Davis, President USDA Club; David Wells, CSS Commodity Office; C. H. Moseley, CSS Commodity Office; J. J. Slaughter, AMS, FDD; J. L. McCollum, Cotton Division; B. W. Bain, Milk Marketing Administration; and Kenneth McEnroe, Poultry Inspection Branch.

The Secretary was pleased and happy over the reception and thanked the USDA members for the honor bestowed on him. A copy of the scroll is reproduced elsewhere in this paper.

TO YOUR HEALTH

By Jean Morgan

Some facts about tuberculosis of the lungs might be helpful to you. Though it is communicable, tuberculosis is not considered highly contagious. Tuberculosis germs do not fly about in the air, but can be transmitted by direct contact with a person who coughs with mouth uncovered.

Physicians say we are frequently in contact with people who have tuberculosis and do not know it. Since we cannot always avoid it, we should keep our bodies strong in order to resist the disease. Improper eating, worry, and lack of rest lower your resistance.

Progress has been made in the treatment of tuberculosis. If discovered early, cases may require shorter periods of hospitalization. After rest and treatment, a person can be cured and resume normal life. There is no danger of transmitting the disease to others when an individual has recovered from tuberculosis. In fact, doctors feel we are safer in contact with persons who have been cured, than with others who may be ill and do not know it.

Early diagnosis is of prime importance. Note these warning signals of tuberculosis: Fatigue, loss of weight, coughing, indigestion and poor appetite, chest pain, rough throat, and blood in the sputum (a danger signal). None of these symptoms means that a person has tuberculosis, but each may be caused by the disease and should not be ignored.

Early tuberculosis may have no signs, but may be

discovered by chest X-ray. Regular annual health check-ups by your doctor and chest X-rays are most important. Free chest x-rays are available at the City Health Department or by the Dallas TB Mobile X-ray Unit.

SAFETY NOTE: As overexertion lowers resistance to disease, it can lower resistance to accidents. Do not drive when tired or sleepy! Better to arrive safely later, than to chance indefinite delay from an accident.

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USDA NAMES PLENTIFUL FOODS

FOR MAY: Broilers and fryers take the No. 1 spot on U.S. Department of Agriculture's list of plentiful foods for May.

Pork and eggs, featured items in April and March, respectively, still belong on the team. Turkeys, especially the smaller sizes, also have stepped into the May list for this area.

Edible fats and oils, milk and dairy products, lard and potatoes are expected to continue plentiful this month.

And with huge harvest of celery now underway, this item also deserves special attention this month.

The monthly list of foods in heavier-than-normal supply is provided by USDA through the southwest food distribution division of the Agricultural Marketing Service, after national and local supplies are determined. Menu planners usually find it to their advantage to serve plentiful foods more often.

INFORMATION arising under the programs of the Department are reviewed for the purpose of referring them to the Department of Justice. The General Counsel also represents the Department in administrative proceedings for the promulgation of rules having the force and effect of law and in quasi-judicial hearings held in connection with the administration of various programs.

The General Counsel issues both formal and informal opinions on legal questions arising in the administration of the Department's programs and provides a variety of other legal services, such as the preparation and review of administrative rules and regulations applicable to the public, the drafting of proposed legislation, the preparation and interpretation of contracts, mortgages, leases, deeds, and similar documents, the prosecution of patent applications by employees of the Department, the examination of titles to lands to be acquired by the Department or accepted as security for loans, and the disposition of claims by and against the United States arising out of the Department's activities.

The General Counsel also serves as general counsel for the Commodity Credit Corporation and the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, agencies within the Department.

Hiram O. Childress is the Attorney-in-Charge of the OGC Office for this area. The office is located on the third floor of the Merchandise Mart.

USDA SPOTLIGHT

CSS EMPLOYEES RECEIVE AWARDS



Webster coined the word amiable just to describe Mr. Henry C. Goodpasture, Chief of the Fiscal Division, Dallas CSS Commodity Office. Mr. Goodpasture, a native of the West Texas Panhandle, possesses that affability much admired in the twentieth century executive. With his congenial expression he is liked and respected by all the 250 to 350 employees who work under his capable supervision.

Upon graduation from high school in Memphis, Texas and having attended Texas A&M College and S.M.U. Mr. Goodpasture began his career in Government Service with the Audit Division of the Public Works Administration and later the National Youth Administration. On January 16, 1940, he joined the Dept. of Agriculture as auditor under Mr. D. J. Harrill who is now Chief Auditor for CSS in Washington. Having served through five organizational changes of what is now CSS, Mr. Goodpasture, in his present capacity, is responsible for maintenance



L. to R. Tom Daniel, Bertha Reinhart, W. C. Berger, Ozelle Waller

of all accounts, financial statements and reporting and the financial management of the office under the general direction of Mr. Moseley, Director of Dallas CSS Commodity Office. Included under his responsibility are determinations of financial responsibility of prospective purchasers of CCC commodities; securing and determining adequacy of financial coverage of transactions including cash, certified or cashiers checks and the many types of letters of credit issued by banks the world over; determining propriety for all payments made by the office and actual making of payment by issuance of Commodity Office sight drafts; cash (See Spotlight - Page 4)

At an award ceremony at the CSS Commodity Office, Administrator Walter C. Berger, presented 20-year length of service awards to Tom Daniel, Bertha Reinhardt, and Ozelle Waller.

At the same ceremony, 10-year length of service awards were presented to Bill Boren, Doug Skelton, Lambert Bemelmans, Zee Higdon, O. B. Perry, Hazel Cunningham, Cora Landrum, Anna Canales, Frances Page, and Dewey Thomas.

A certificate of merit and a cash award of \$300. was presented to Howard Allison. Selma Allison accepted for her husband who was unable to attend because of illness.

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receipts and proper allocation of them; claims determination and pursuance of collection including court action if necessary; and advising the Director, as may be necessary from a fiscal standpoint, on the overall operation of the office. In this position and with the requirements that go with it, Mr. Goodpasture is comparable to the Controller of a branch office of a huge corporation controlling assets of over ONE BILLION DOLLARS.

Mr. Goodpasture and his wife, Mary Evelyn, have two lovely daughters, Kathy and Lucille, who was recently honored as leading ballerina with Madam Callas in her recent opera appearance in Dallas. He is a member and was first president of the Dallas Chapter of the Federal Government Accountants Association, the Masonic Lodge and Toastmasters International, and he and his family are members of the White Rock Methodist Church. Among his hobbies are bridge, fishing, and a love of football. His recent award for Sustained Outstanding Performance reflects his accomplishment in his rise from GS-3 to GS-14, thus making him our USDA Man of the Month.

(Editor's note: This is the first of a series on USDA personalities who we feel deserve special recognition because of their excellent job performance, civic achievement or contributions to humanity.)

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The time to make friends is before you need them.

To: Hon. Ezra Taft Benson, Secretary {US Department of Agriculture}

The Board of Directors of the USDA Club of Dallas expresses by resolution our appreciation for, and admiration of, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Honorable Ezra Taft Benson, on this occasion.

Nearly 1000 of his fellow-workers of the Department in Dallas feel that Mr. Benson has set an outstanding example as a responsible public official through his courageous leadership, his devotion to duty, and his personal religious life. From his example, many people benefit. Not the least of these are we - his fellow-employees of the Department of Agriculture.

As a material token of our feeling for Mr. Benson's example, the USDA Club of Dallas has contributed \$50.00 to Federal Service Campaign for National Health Agencies and Joint Crusade Agencies.
(April 7, 1959) ~~Verdy~~ D. Davis, President, USDA Club.

Copy of the Scroll presented to Secretary Ezra Taft Benson.

DINNER-DANCE PLANS COMPLETED

Plans for the first annual Spring Dinner-Dance of the USDA Club have been completed. Helen LaRosa, Committee Chairman, announced that Carlos Perez and his orchestra has been engaged to play for the dancing at this new activity of your Club.

The dance is to be held April 24 at the newly remodeled Officers' Club at the Dallas Naval Air Station and will start with a dinner which will be served at 7:00. A choice of Prime Rib of Beef or Fried Tenderloin of Trout will be served. Dancing

will start at 8:00 and will continue till midnight. The bar at the club will be open.

Mrs. LaRosa said that because of the space limitations at the club, only a limited number of tickets will be sold and added that tickets are selling fast. Those planning to go should either purchase or reserve their tickets now.

Tickets are \$2.50 each and may be purchased from your USDA representative or from Marge Williamson.

(Editor's note: This sounds like the best USDA Club activity of the year and deserves the support of all USDA members.)